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## PETITION FOR REFUND OF EXTENSION FEE

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The attached Amendment was in fact filed in the U.S.P.T.O. on June 19, 2002. This fact is support by the Certificate of Mailing on both the Transmittal Form and on the front page of the Amendment, both of which recite a mailing date of June 19, 2002.

In a telephone call held on September 19, 2002, the Examiner in charge of this case, Mr. Thanh Lam confirmed that the U.S.P.T.O. never received the Amendment filed on June 19, 2002.

Consequently, this Amendment was refiled on September 19, 2002, along with a Petition for a three-month extension of time. The Petition for Extension of Time was accompanied by a check for \$920.00, a copy of which is also enclosed.

In view of the fact that the enclosed Amendment was in fact timely mailed on June 19,

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2002 but never received by the U.S.P.T.O., applicants' attorney hereby requests a refund from the U.S.P.T.O. in the amount of the three-month petition fee, \$920.00.

Respectfully submitted,

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